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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Protection of the President

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1. This memorandum contains a recommendation in paragraph 3 for approval of the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. Prior to 1946 there was no statutory provision relating to the protection of the President. In that year section 201 of Title 3 of the United States Code was enacted, which provided "The protection of the person of the President and the members of his immediate family and of the person chosen to be President of the United States is authorized." This was repealed in 1951 and section 3056 of Title 18 of the United States Code, entitled "Secret Service Powers" was amended to read in part as follows:

Subject to the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, the United States Secret Service, Treasury Department, is authorized to protect the person of the President of the United States and members of his immediate family, the President-elect, and the Vice President at his request . . .

While this provision simply "authorizes" the Secret Service to protect the President subject to the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, it seems clear that the Secret Service has the statutory responsibility for such protection. I have not been able to get any pertinent Treasury regulations but will try to do so on Monday morning.

3. Attached is a suggested letter to Mr. Baughman, Chief of the United States Secret Service, in connection with the President's trip. Recommend signature.

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